

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to update the status of three of the related applications and to provide their patent numbers.

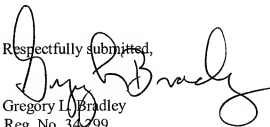
Claim 1 has been amended to make the "fluid control device" language more consistent with that of originally-filed claim 1. Specifically, the term "adapted" was included in original claim 1 and was somehow deleted during prosecution and the phrase "and fluid flow" was not included in original claim 1 but was added during prosecution for reasons not pertinent to patentability. This claim amendment does not affect the subject matter that was added to claim 1 during prosecution that ultimately made it allowable in the Examiner's view over the cited prior art.

Claims 21 and 25 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis with the language set forth in claim 1. Specifically, the term "medical tubing" does not appear in claim 1, but that term is consistent with the term "fluid path set" as shown in original and allowed claim 11. Further, Applicants have replaced the term "association" with "engagement" to make the language consistent with that used in claim 1.

This Amendment does not raise new questions of patentability or include new subject matter. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the specification amendments as presented above.

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